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Mitsuko Kosaka

Application No.: 10/559,783

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING TISSUE
CELLS FROM PLURIPOTENT STEM
CELLS DERIVED FROM IRIS
PIGMENTED EPITHELIAL CELLS OF
ANIMAL, AND TISSUE CELLS OBTAINED
BY METHOD

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